Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing access management ~~through use of a plurality of server machines associated with different locations, the method~~, comprising:

(a)   authenticating ~~a user~~ access privileges of a user to ~~with~~ a first and a second server machine, ~~of the plurality of server machines with respect to a prior access request~~ whereby the first and the second server machine are configured to comprise a secured item; and

(b)   ~~subsequently receiving a current access request to access a secured item via a second server machine of the plurality of server machines; and~~ preventing access to a first one of the first and the second server machine while the user is accessing a second one of the first and the second server machine.

~~(c)   upon receiving the current access request to access the secured item via the second server machine, reconfiguring the first server machine to prevent further access by the user to secured items via the first server machine; and~~

~~(d)   upon receiving the current access request to access the secured item via the second server machine, reconfiguring the second server machine to permit access by the user to at least the secured item via the second server machine.~~

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11.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~10~~ 29, wherein ~~the~~ ~~authenticating (a)~~ step (a1) authenticates both the user and a client machine being used by the user.

12.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the first ~~server machine~~ and the second server machine are access points for the user to gain access to the secured ~~items~~ item.

13.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~10~~ 29, wherein:

when the user is at a first location, the user interacts over a network with the first server machine ~~using a first client machine at the first location~~, and

~~wherein~~ when the user is at a second location, the user interacts over a network with the second server machine using a second client machine at the second location.

14.   (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim ~~10~~ 30, wherein the method further comprises:

determining, prior to ~~reconfiguring~~ steps ~~(c) or (d)~~ (b1), (b2), (b3), and (b4), whether the user is permitted to gain access from a second location to the secured ~~items~~ item via the second server machine.

15.   (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim ~~10~~ 29, wherein ~~authenticating~~ step ~~(a)~~ (a1) ~~of the user~~ occurs while the user is at a first location, and

wherein ~~receiving~~ step (a) (a2) ~~of the access request to access the secured item from the~~ ~~user~~ occurs while the user is at a second location.

16.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~10~~ 17, wherein the method further comprises:

~~(e)~~(a4) upon receiving the current access request to access the secured item via the second server machine, determining permitted locations from which the user is permitted to ~~gain~~ access ~~to~~ the secured ~~items~~ item;

~~(f)~~(a5) determining, ~~prior to reconfiguring (c) or (d),~~ whether the second location is one of the permitted locations for the user; and

~~(g)~~(a6) bypassing ~~reconfiguring (c) or (d)~~ steps (b1), (b2), (b3), and (b4) when ~~determining (f)~~ step (a5) determines that the second location is not one of the permitted locations for the user.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~16~~ 30, wherein:

when the user is at the first location, the user interacts over a network with the first server machine using a first client machine at the first location, and ~~wherein~~

when the user is at the second location, the user interacts over a network with the second server machine using a second client machine at the second location.

18.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium ~~including at least~~ ~~computer program code for providing access management through use of a plurality of~~ ~~server machines associated with different locations, the computer readable medium~~

~~comprising~~ containing instructions for controlling at least one processor by a method comprising:

~~computer program code for~~ (a) authenticating ~~a user~~ access privileges of a user ~~with~~ to a first and a second server machine ~~of the plurality of server machines with respect to a prior access request~~, whereby the first and the second server machine are configured to comprise a secured item; and

~~computer program code for subsequently receiving a current access request to access a secured item via a second server machine of the plurality of server machines~~(b) preventing access to a first one of the first and the second server machine while the user is accessing a second one of the first and the second server machine.~~;~~

~~computer program code for, upon receiving the current access request to access the secured item via the second server machine, reconfiguring the first server machine to prevent further access by the user to secured items via the first server machine; and~~

~~computer program code for, upon receiving the current access request to access the secured item via the second server machine, reconfiguring the second server machine to permit access by the user to at least the secured item via the second server machine.~~

19.   (Currently amended) The computer readable medium as recited in claim ~~18~~ 31, wherein:

when the user is at a first location, the user interacts over a network with the first server machine ~~using a first client machine at the first location~~, and

wherein when the user is at a second location, the user interacts over a network

with the second server machine using a second client machine at the second location.

20.   (Currently amended) The computer readable medium as recited in claim

18 32, further comprising:

computer program code for determining, prior to the reconfiguring of either the

first local module at the first server machine or the second local module at the second

server machine, whether the user is permitted to gain access from a second location to

the secured items item via the second server machine.

21.   (Currently amended) A system for providing access management through

use of a plurality of server machines associated with different locations, comprising:

means for an access control device configured to authenticating authenticate a

user access privileges of a user with to a first and a second server machine of the

plurality of server machines with respect to a prior access request, whereby the first and

the second server machine are configured to comprise a secured item, and to prevent

access to a first one of the first and the second server machine while the user is accessing

a second one of the first and the second machine[[;]]

means for subsequently receiving a current access request to access a secured

item via a second server machine of the plurality of server machines;

means for, upon receiving the current access request to access the secured item

via the second server machine, reconfiguring the first server machine to prevent further

access by the user to. secured items via the first server machine; and

~~means for, upon receiving the current access request to access the secured item via the second server machine, reconfiguring the second server machine to permit access by the user to at least the secured item via the second server machine.~~

22.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium as recited in claim ~~18~~ 31, wherein ~~said computer program code for authenticating a user with a first server machine comprises~~:

~~computer program code for~~ step (a1) ~~authenticating~~ authenticates both the user and a client machine being used by the user.

23.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium as recited in claim ~~18~~ 32, further comprising:

~~computer program code for~~ determining, prior to reconfiguring the first local module at the first server machine and the second local module at the second server ~~machines~~ machine, whether the user is permitted to gain access from a second location to the secured ~~items~~ item via the second server machine.

24.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium as recited in claim ~~18~~ 33, wherein step (a) further ~~comprising~~ comprises:

~~computer program code for~~ (a4) upon receiving the current access request to access the secured item via the second server machine, determining permitted locations from which the user is permitted to gain access to the secured ~~items~~ item;

~~computer program code for~~ (a5) determining, ~~prior to reconfiguring the first and second server machines,~~ whether the second location is one of the permitted locations for the user; and

~~computer program code for~~ (a6) bypassing ~~reconfiguring the first and second server machines,~~ steps (b1), (b2), (b3), and (b4) ~~if it is determined~~ when step (a5) determines that the second location is not one of the permitted locations for the user.

25.   (Currently Amended) The system ~~of~~ as recited in claim 21, wherein ~~said means for authenticating comprises means for authenticating~~ the access control device is configured to authenticate both the user and a client machine being used by the user.

26.   (Currently Amended) The system ~~of~~ as recited in claim 21, wherein the first ~~server machine~~ and the second server machine are access points for the user to gain access to the secured ~~items~~ item.

27.   (Currently Amended) The system ~~of~~ as recited in claim ~~21~~ 35, wherein the access control device is further ~~comprising~~ configured to:
      ~~means for determining~~ determine, prior to reconfiguring the first local module at the first server machine and the second local module at the second server ~~machines~~ machine, whether the user is permitted to gain access from a second location to the secured ~~items~~ item via the second server machine.

28.   (Canceled)

29.   (New) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein step (a) comprises:

(a1)   authenticating the user with the first server machine with respect to a previous access request;

(a2)   subsequently receiving a current access request via the second server machine; and

(a3)   authenticating the user with the second server machine with respect to the current access request.

30.   (New) The method as recited in claim 29, wherein step (b) comprises:

(b1)   upon receiving the current access request via the second server machine, identifying a first local module previously supporting the user at the first server machine;

(b2)   reconfiguring the first local module at the first server machine to remove support for the user at the firs server machine;

(b3)   identifying a second local module to support the user at the second server machine; and

(b4)   reconfiguring the second local module at the second server machine to add support for the user at the second server machine.

31.   (New) The computer readable medium as recited in claim 18, wherein step (a) comprises:

(a1)   authenticating the user with the first server machine with respect to a previous access request;

(a2)   subsequently receiving a current access request via the second server machine; and

(a3)   authenticating the user with the second server machine with respect to the current access request.

32.   (New) The computer readable medium as recited in claim 31, wherein step (b) comprises:

(b1)   upon receiving the current access request via the second server machine, identifying a first local module previously supporting the user at the first server machine;

(b2)   reconfiguring the first local module at the first server machine to remove support for the user at the firs server machine;

(b3)   identifying a second local module to support the user at the second server machine; and

(b4)   reconfiguring the second local module at the second server machine to add support for the user at the second server machine.

33.   (New) The computer readable medium as recited in claim 32, wherein:

when the user is at a first location, the user interacts over a network with the first server machine using a first client machine at the first location, and

when the user is at a second location, the user interacts over a network with the second server machine using a second client machine at the second location.

34.   (New) The system as recited in claim 21, wherein the access control device is configured to:

authenticate the user with the first server machine with respect to a pervious access request;

subsequently receive a current access request via the second server machine; and

authenticate the user with the second server machine with respect to the current access request.

35.   (New) The system as recited in claim 34, wherein the access control device is configured to:

identify a first local module previously supporting the user at the first server machine upon receiving a current access request to access the secure item via the second server machine;

reconfigure the first local module at the first server machine to remove support for the user at the first server machine;

identify a second local module to support the user at the second server machine; and

reconfigure the second local module at the second server machine to add support for the user at the second server machine.